[Translation]

Computer Education

*508 SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT BACHDA:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have have formulated any scheme for expansion of computer education in schools and universities in the cities and villages;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c) There are already schemes to promote computer education. These include the following:

States and UTs are provided financial assistance for providing computer hardware, software and their maintenance in Government and Government aided senior secondary schools under the Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) Scheme.

The Department of Electronics started as project "Computer in Education Project: Computer in every high school". Under this project students are given a broad understanding of computers.

The University Grants Commission has schemes for assisting universities for establishment of Computer Centres, Upgradation of Computer Centres, Master of Computer Application Courses and to colleges for procuring personal computers and its related software.

Funds for Ayurvedic System

*509. SHRI O.P. JINDAL:
PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR':

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reduced the budget for Ayurvedic and traditional systems of medicine;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received requests for more allocation in the budget for Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic systems of medicine; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The combined Plan & Non-Plan budget provision for Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy for 1996-97 is Rs. 44.19 crores compared to Rs. 40.94 crores for 1995–96.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. After the constitution of new Department of ISM&H, the Institutions and individuals in this sector have been urging higher allocation in Plan budget to enable improvement in quality and reach of programmes of the Department.

The Department projected requirement of more Plan funds to the Planning Commission which determines the Annual Plan outlays, but the Planning Commission did not find it possible to increase allocation.

The Department has projected need based requirement of Plan funds for 9th Plan to the Planning Commission and it is hoped sizeable additional annual allocation for the Department will materialise in the 9th Plan beginning next year.

Mega Project

*510. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA:
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) the names and details of mega irrigation projects undertaken by the Union Government for construction during Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans and till date in the country;

(b) the names and details of mega irrigation projects completed by the Government till March, 1996;

(c) the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) the names of projects that could not be completed so far; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Union Government has not taken up any major Irrigation Project for implementation during VII and VIII Five Year Plans.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[English]

Centrally Sponsored Schemes

*511. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: